

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the week of May 5 through May 11, 1991, as Small Business Week. I urge all Americans to join me in saluting our Nation's small business men and women by observing that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6290 of May 10, 1991

Infant Mortality Awareness Day, 1991

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

In the past, this Nation's high rate of infant mortality has stood in tragic contradiction to our enviably high standard of living and to our traditional reverence for human life. Fortunately, however, that unconscionable trend is changing. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, preliminary data indicate that the United States infant mortality rate in 1990 was 9.1 deaths per 1,000 live births—the lowest ever recorded and a substantial reduction over the past decade.

The infant mortality rate is affected by a number of different factors, including the failure of many pregnant women to obtain adequate prenatal care. Although the government cannot fulfill the primary responsibility of parents in caring for their children, public officials at the Federal, State, and local levels have been working together with health care providers and other concerned Americans to help expectant mothers protect the lives of their unborn children through proper nutrition and prenatal care.

Advances in science and technology have enabled us to see how such behaviors as substance abuse and smoking can lead to low birth weights, disability, chronic illness, and early susceptibility to death among infants. Advances in science have also enabled us to save the lives of babies who are born prematurely or who develop dangerous conditions while still in the womb. In an effort to bring this information to pregnant women and to cut existing rates of infant mortality by half in 10 high-risk areas within 5 years, we have launched a national campaign against infant mortality. This includes the "Healthy Start" program, a pilot project that will bring early prenatal care to thousands of low-income mothers while helping to identify which government programs work best.

Each and every human life is precious, and every one deserves care and protection. On this occasion let us renew our determination to ensure that every child in America receives the best possible start in life, beginning with quality prenatal care throughout pregnancy for expectant mothers.

The Congress, by House Joint Resolution 194, has designated May 12, 1991, as "Infant Mortality Awareness Day" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 12, 1991, as Infant Mortality Awareness Day. I urge all Americans to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6291 of May 13, 1991

World Trade Week, 1991

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

International trade benefits all who participate. An expansion in trade promotes worldwide prosperity by increasing production and creating jobs.

Open markets and the free movement of goods, services, and capital across international borders are vital to economic growth. Free trade fosters more efficient use of the world's resources, higher real wages for both American and foreign workers, and the production of a wider variety of more affordable, high quality goods for our consumers.

Although the United States, working in concert with other nations, has made progress in dismantling trade barriers, we are still trying to achieve the ideal of free and fair trade. Toward that end, we are striving to bring the Uruguay Round of trade negotiations to a successful conclusion. We are also working to forge a North American Free Trade Agreement, which would establish the largest integrated market on earth—a market of 360 million consumers and an estimated \$6 trillion in annual output. Vital to these efforts—and to the success of the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative—is the extension of fast track procedures.

Here at home we see convincing evidence that expanded trade strengthens the economy, thereby creating opportunities for individuals. During the past 5 years, exports have accounted for more than 40 percent of all growth in the U.S. economy. Last year exports supported more than 7 million jobs. Thus, it is fitting that the theme of this year's World Trade Week be "Exports: Generating Jobs for Americans." Indeed, export expansion is perhaps the most effective jobs program that our Nation can establish today.

The triumph of democratic ideals and free market principles in more and more nations around the world has created unprecedented opportunities for American businesspeople and farmers to expand sales